

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of the claims:**

1. (Previously presented) An isolated microorganism of the strain *Lactobacillus rhamnosus* GM-020, deposited at the China Center for Type Culture Collection under CCTCC No.: CCTCC M 203098.

2. (Previously presented) A composition comprising a suspension of the isolated microorganism strain according to Claim 1.

3. (Withdrawn) A method for treating obesity or a complication thereof in a subject comprising administering said subject with a composition comprising the isolated microorganism according to Claim 1.

4. (Withdrawn) The method according to Claim 3, wherein the composition further comprises *Auricularia polytricha*.

5. (Withdrawn) The method according to Claim 3, wherein the complication is selected from the group consisting of hypercholesterolemia, atherosclerosis and coronary heart disease.

6. (Withdrawn) A method for treating obesity and a complication thereof in a subject comprising administering said subject with a composition comprising the strain according to Claim 1 and *Auricularia polytricha*.

7. (Withdrawn) The method according to Claim 6, wherein the complication is selected from the group consisting of hypercholesterolemia, atherosclerosis, coronary heart disease, fatty liver, and diabetes mellitus.

8. (Currently amended) A composition according to claim 2, which is used for treating obesity ~~and or~~ a complication thereof, wherein the *Lactobacillus rhamnosus* GM-020 is gram-stain positive.

9. (Previously presented) The composition according to Claim 8 further comprising *Auricularia polytricha*.

10. (Currently amended) The composition according to Claim 8, comprising a dosage of *Lactobacillus rhamnosus* GM-020 of  $10^9$  CFU/mL and wherein the complication is selected from the group consisting of hypercholesterolemia, atherosclerosis and coronary heart disease.

11. (Currently amended) A composition for treating obesity and a complication thereof in a subject comprising the isolated ~~microorganism~~ microorganism according to Claim 1 and *Auricularia polytricha*.

12. (Previously presented) The method composition according to Claim 11, wherein the complication is selected from the group consisting of hypercholesterolemia, atherosclerosis, coronary heart disease, fatty liver, and diabetes mellitus.